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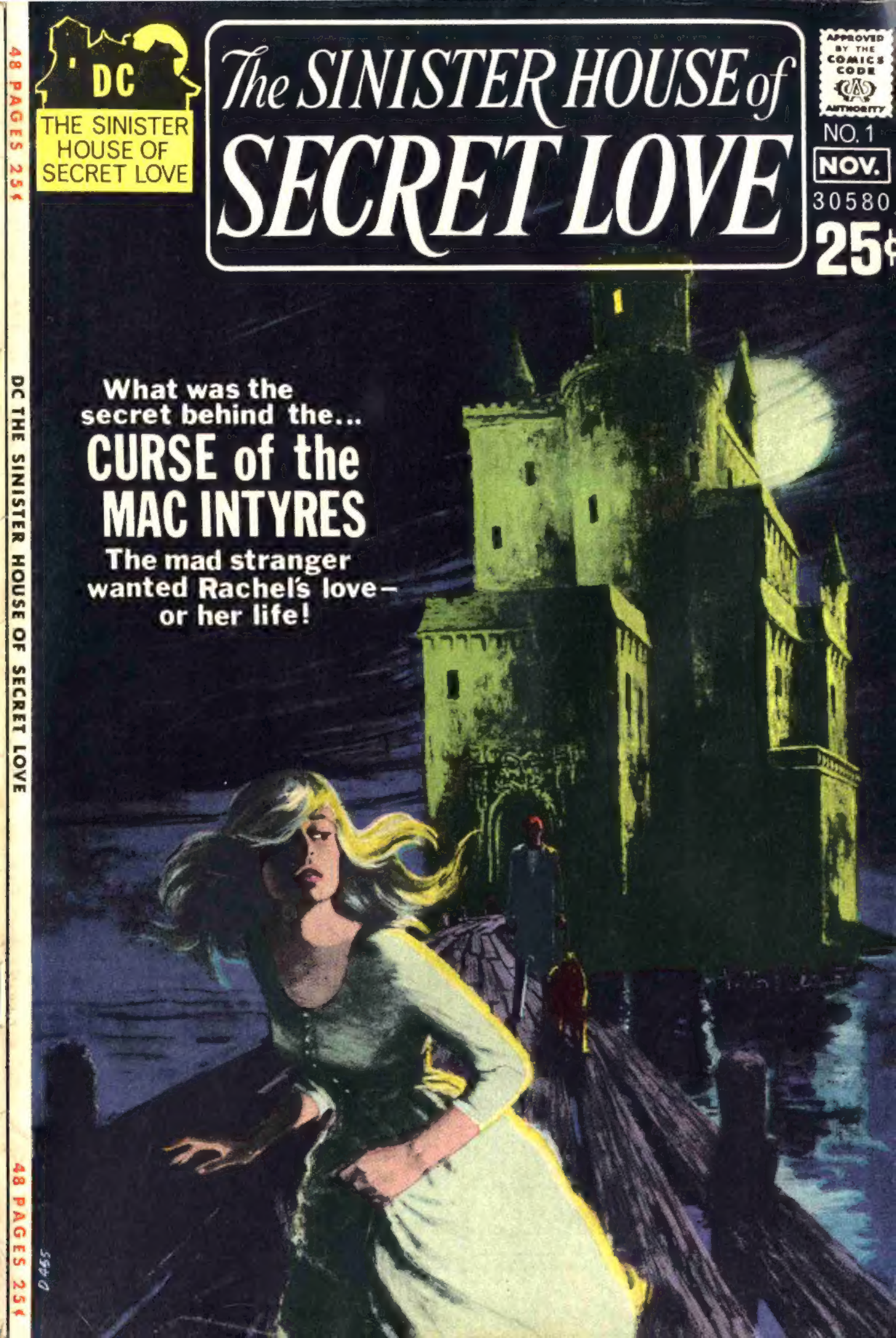

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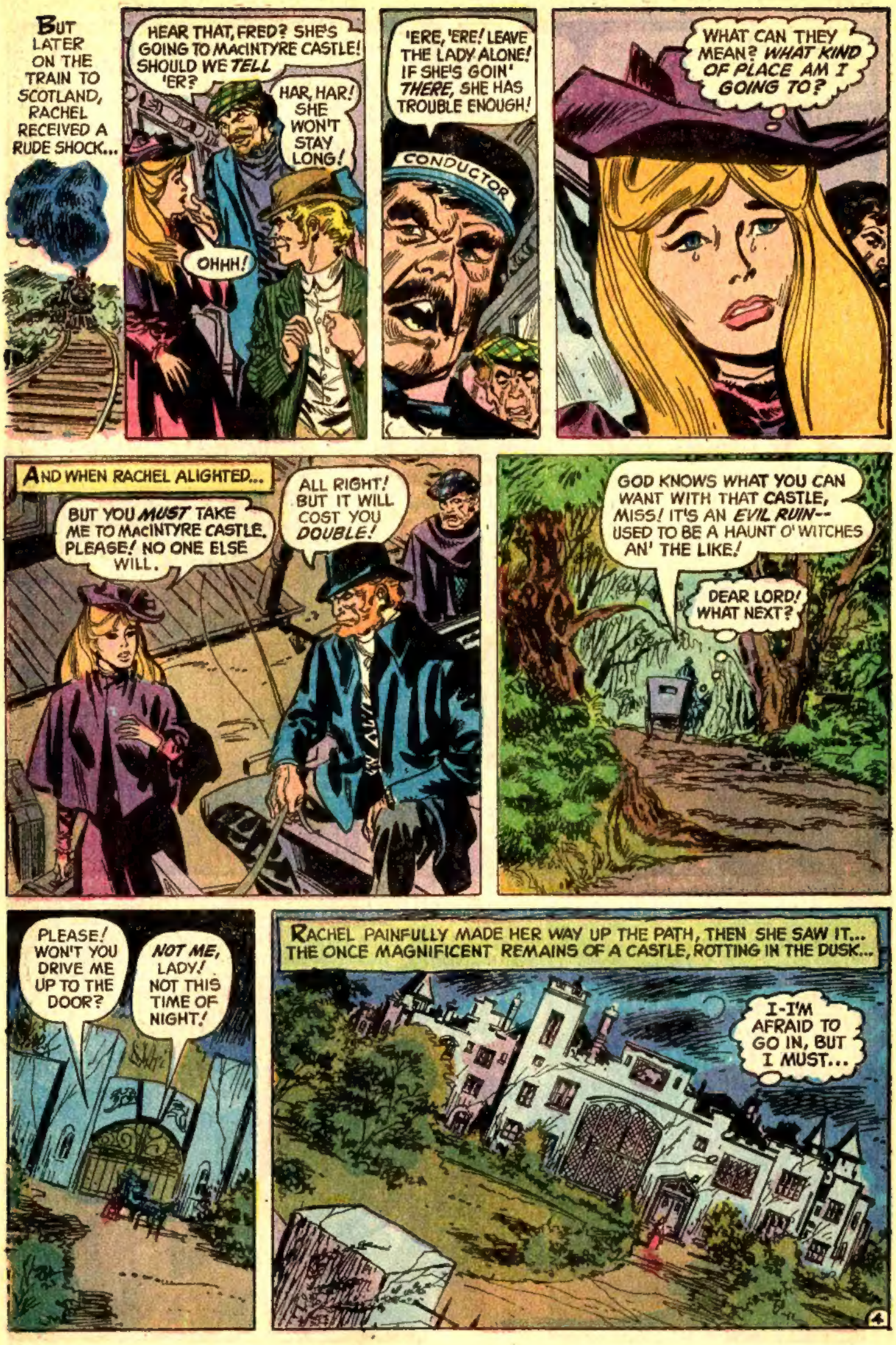
THERE WERE FEW MOURNERS PRESENT AS RACHEL'S FATHER WAS LAID TO REST. THE YOUNG GIRL WATCHED, TREMBLING WITH SORROW AND FEAR...

AND SO, THE NEXT AFTERNOON...
FRANCES! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
COME IN, BLAIR...
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, COUSIN BLAIR, I'D HAVE NOWHERE TO GO. I HAVE NO MONEY, BUT FATHER SPOKE OF A FORMULA...
FORGET ABOUT THAT! I... SHOULD WARN YOU, MACINTYRE CASTLE IS A FAIRLY DISMAL PLACE!
BUT YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME THERE!
I-I FEEL I CAN TRUST HIM. HE'S SO CONSIDERATE.
YOUR TEA, MUM.
LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU DEVIL!
TUT, TUT, FRAN! CONTROL YOURSELF.
YOU'RE WELL EDUCATED, RACHEL, AND... MY LATE WIFE LEFT ME A CHILD, JAMIE...
YOU WANT ME TO TUTOR HIM? I'D ADORE IT!
THEN IT'S SETTLED! TOMORROW YOU LEAVE FOR SCOTLAND. I-ER- MUST STAY IN LONDON FOR A FEW MORE DAYS, ON BUSINESS!
I UNDERSTAND, BLAIR.
WHEN BLAIR LEFT, RACHEL FELT MUCH BETTER. THAT NIGHT, SHE WAS TOO EXCITED TO SLEEP...
NEXT MORNING, SHE PACKED FOR THE JOURNEY...
MISS RACHEL, DON'T GO! THOSE MACINTYRES...
DON'T WORRY, FRAN. BLAIR IS SO KIND... AND THERE'S THE LITTLE BOY... OH! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE THE CASTLE!


BUT LATER ON THE TRAIN TO SCOTLAND, RACHEL RECEIVED A RUDE SHOCK...
HEAR THAT, FRED? SHE'S GOING TO MACINTYRE CASTLE! SHOULD WE TELL 'ER?
HAR, HAR! SHE WON'T STAY LONG!
OHHH!
'ERE, 'ERE! LEAVE THE LADY ALONE! IF SHE'S GOIN' THERE, SHE HAS TROUBLE ENOUGH!
CONDUCTOR
WHAT CAN THEY MEAN? WHAT KIND OF PLACE AM I GOING TO?
AND WHEN RACHEL ALIGHTED...
BUT YOU MUST TAKE ME TO MACINTYRE CASTLE. PLEASE! NO ONE ELSE WILL.
ALL RIGHT! BUT IT WILL COST YOU DOUBLE!
GOD KNOWS WHAT YOU CAN WANT WITH THAT CASTLE, MISS! IT'S AN EVIL RUIN-- USED TO BE A HAUNT O' WITCHES AN' THE LIKE!
DEAR LORD! WHAT NEXT?
PLEASE! WON'T YOU DRIVE ME UP TO THE DOOR?
NOT ME, LADY! NOT THIS TIME OF NIGHT!
RACHEL PAINFULLY MADE HER WAY UP THE PATH, THEN SHE SAW IT... THE ONCE MAGNIFICENT REMAINS OF A CASTLE, ROTTING IN THE DUSK...
I-I'M AFRAID TO GO IN, BUT I MUST...
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RESOLUTELY, SHE KNOCKED...
SO! ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP! WE BEEN EXPECTIN' YOU!
THE ENGLISH COUSIN, EH? YOU DON'T LOOK WORTH TWO SNAPS!
MIND THE RULES O' THIS HOUSE, AN YOU WON'T HAVE TROUBLE!
I-I BEG YOUR PARDON!
MAGGIE! KEEP HER THERE UNTIL I COME DOWN...
I AM YOUR COUSIN ALFIE. YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A DWARF COUSIN? HA-HA!
OH—IT'S GOOD TO MEET YOU, COUSIN!
MY NAME IS JAMIE...
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MUTATIONS, RACHEL?
STOP THAT NONSENSE! GO TO YOUR ROOM, JAMIE!
YOUR ROOM'S THIS WAY. BREAKFAST'S AT SEVEN—SHARP! AND MIND, DON'T EVER PUT FOOT ON THE THIRD FLOOR!
THE YOUNG GIRL'S HEAD SPUN WITH THE DAY'S EVENTS, ALONE IN A STRANGE HOUSE...
THIS PLACE IS AWFUL! SERVANTS ORDERING ME AROUND...THAT WEIRD ALFIE... AND JAMIE—SUCH A STRANGE CHILD!
OH FATHER, WHAT'S TO BECOME OF ME? SOB!
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THAT NIGHT, RACHEL'S DREAMS REFLECTED THE TWISTED PATTERN OF HER MIND...
SHE FOUND HERSELF RUNNING ALONG THE BLACK MOOR--RUNNING FROM A NAMELESS FORM...
...FALLING, TRAPPED IN A WEB OF DANGER...
FATHER?
FATHER?
NOT FATHER, BUT--A MAN WITH BURNING EYES, A MAN BREAKING THROUGH A NAIVE GIRL'S RESISTANCE...
...A SMOTHERING KISS, A NIGHTMARE THAT BECAME...
...REALITY!
I CAN'T BREATHE! OH, GOD!

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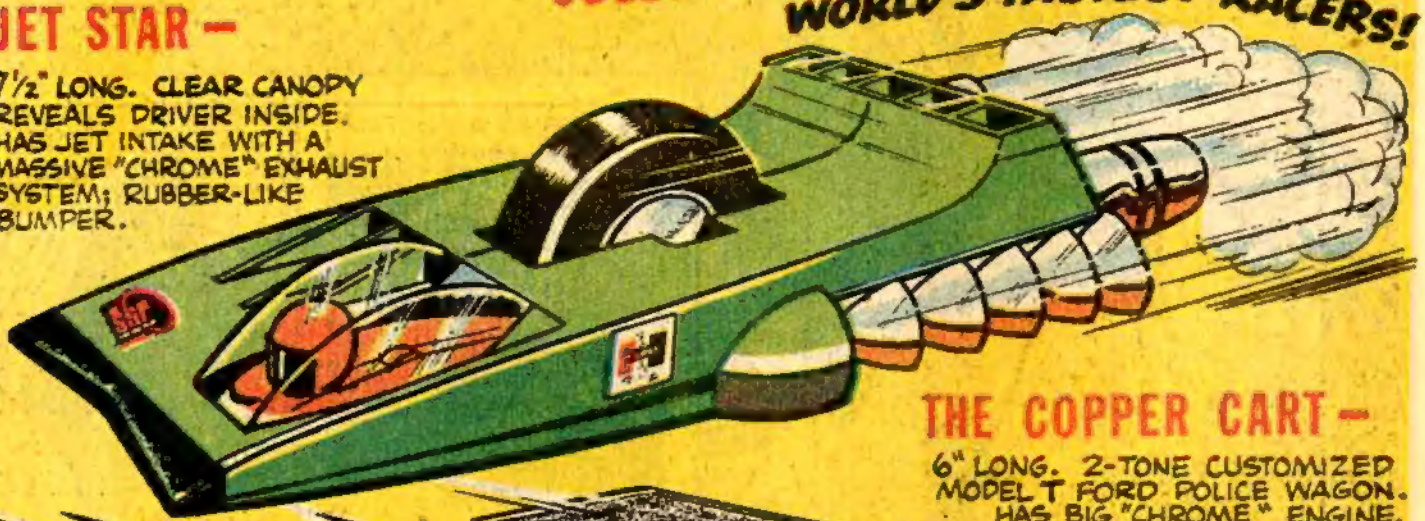

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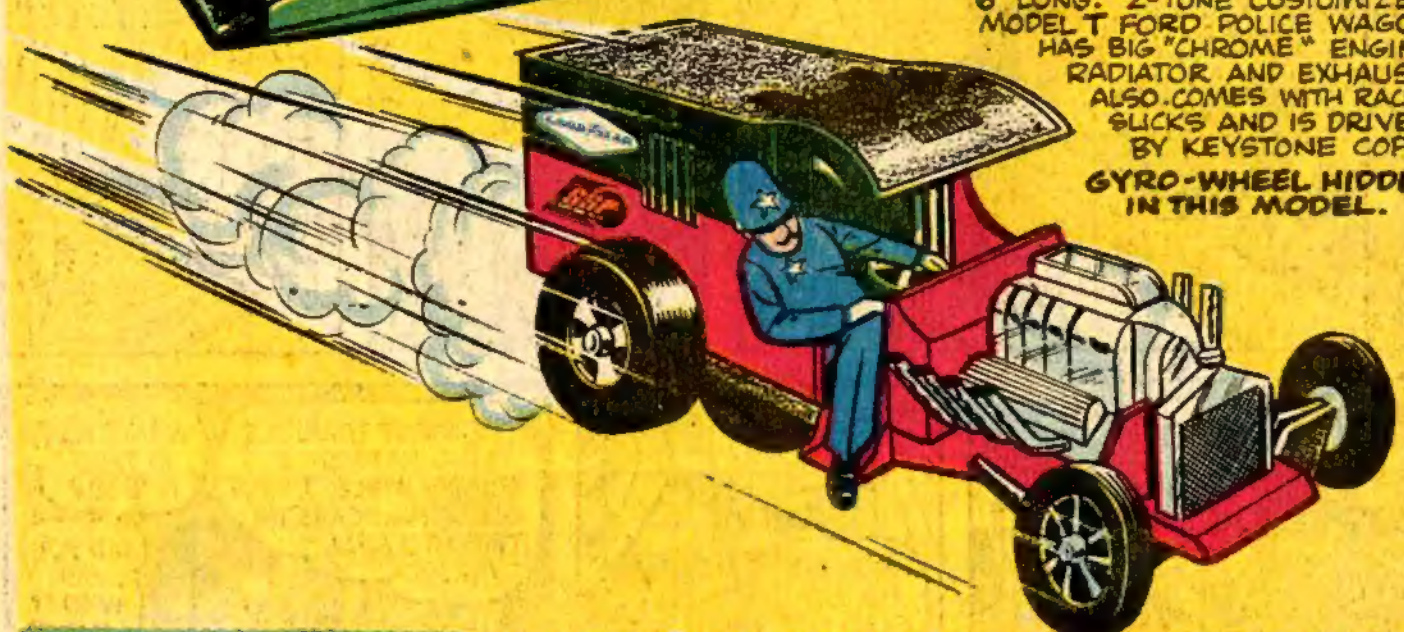

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CRASH!
...DROVE THE INTRUDER OFF!
MINUTES LATER...
OHH...I-I MUST HAVE FAINTED!
KNOCK KNOCK!
JUST A MINUTE!
LET ME IN! IT'S BLAIR!
OH, BLAIR! I'M SO GLAD IT'S YOU!
THE MOST TERRIBLE THING HAPPENED, BLAIR! WHILE I WAS SLEEPING, SOMEONE TRIED TO KILL ME!
WHAT? HERE? IN THIS HOUSE?
DID YOU ...SEE WHO IT WAS?

I COULDN'T TELL. HE WAS ... HIDEOUS!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING! NO ONE IN THIS HOUSE WOULD DO SUCH A THING!
BUT SOMEONE DID! DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
I BELIEVE YOU HAD A NIGHTMARE-- NOTHING MORE! DON'T SPEAK OF IT AGAIN!

RACHEL COULDN'T BELIEVE HER EARS. SHE FOLLOWED HIM AT A DISTANCE...
WHY WAS HE SO ANGRY? AND WHY WOULDN'T HE BELIEVE ME?
I MUST SPEAK TO HIM!

THE WINDING HALL-WAYS LED RACHEL INTO... A SUBTERRANEAN ROOM... A COMPLETELY EQUIPPED LABORATORY WHERE...

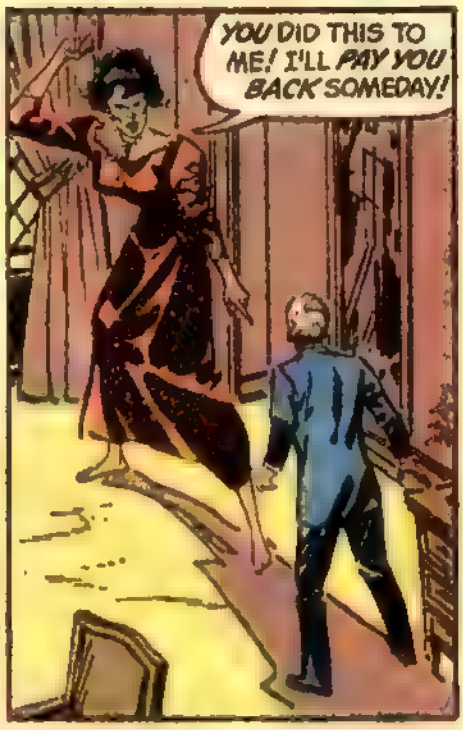
SHE COULD SCARCELY BELIEVE HER EYES...
OHHH...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU MUST NEVER COME DOWN HERE!
I-I'M SORRY, I...
THERE'S DANGER FOR YOU HERE!

TRUST NO ONE, DO YOU HEAR? NOT EVEN— ME!
WHY-WHY DO I FEEL THIS WAY TOWARD HIM?

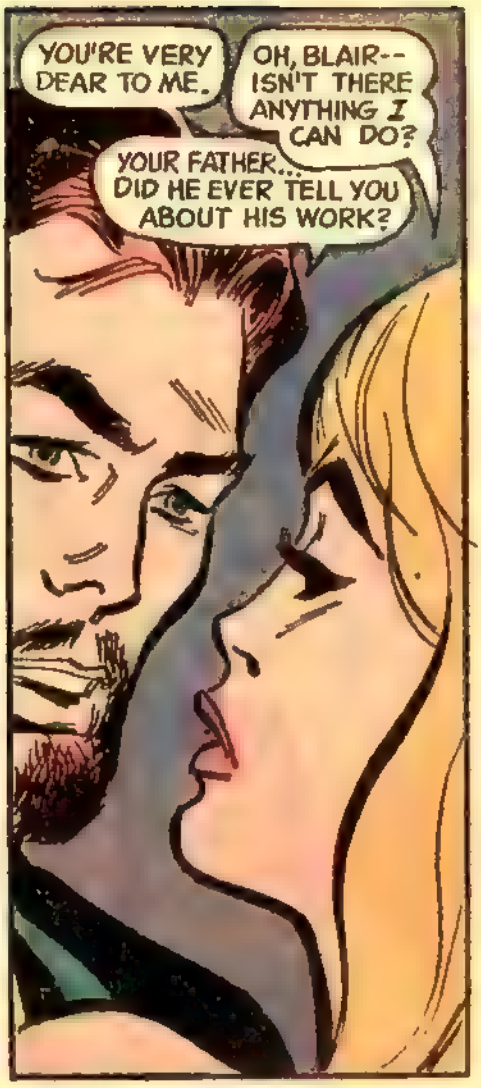
I'M SORRY, RACHEL. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE HARSH!
OH LORD! I DIDN'T WANT TO INVOLVE YOU IN THIS—BUT I MUST! YOU SEE— IT WAS YOUR FATHER...

"MY SISTER-IN-LAW ADRIENNE, WAS ALWAYS UNSTABLE. UNDER TREATMENT, SHE GREW TO AN IMMENSE HEIGHT..."



"I BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE WORK, HOPING TO FIND AN ANSWER TO THE CURSE HANGING OVER MY FAMILY, SINCE I FELT THE SO-CALLED MacINTYRE MADNESS WAS A BIOLOGICAL DISORDER..."

OH, RACHEL DARLING...


YOU'RE VERY DEAR TO ME.
OH, BLAIR-- ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
YOUR FATHER... DID HE EVER TELL YOU ABOUT HIS WORK?

NOT REALLY, BUT HE GAVE ME HIS JOURNAL...
HIS JOURNAL? MY GOD--THAT MAY HAVE THE ANSWER! WHERE IS IT?
IN MY ROOM...

IF YOUR FATHER'S JOURNAL CONTAINS THE INFORMATION I NEED, I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND AN ANTIDOTE TO THE SERUM!
IT WOULD MEAN A CURE FOR ADRIENNE AND PERHAPS... FOR ALFIE...
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OH, NO!
LOOK, BLAIR!
THE JOURNAL! THAT CAN BE THE ONLY REASON ANYONE WOULD DO THIS! BUT WHO?

WHO? DOWNSTAIRS IN THE LIBRARY...
BLAIR'S MOODINESS, THE ASSAULT ON HER ROOM, THE THEFT OF THE JOURNAL... IT WAS A FRIGHTENED, NERVOUS RACHEL WHO TOSSED IN HER BED THAT NIGHT...

BUT BY MORNING HER YOUTHFUL SPIRITS HAD RETURNED... AND AS SHE DRESSED...
MY FIRST DAY AS GOVERNESS! I'M A BIT SCARED, BUT I FEEL AS IF I'M WALKING ON AIR.
BUT I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL. I WANT TO TRUST BLAIR--BUT CAN I? AND WHO WAS THAT CREATURE WHO ATTACKED ME?
AFTER BREAKFAST...
NOW, JAMIE, LET'S REVIEW YOUR LATIN. AMO, AMAS...?
I HATE LATIN.
CAN I SHOW YOU WHAT I REALLY LIKE?
HE'S SO BRIGHT HIS LESSONS BORE HIM!
SURE, I'D LOVE TO!
HERE THEY ARE--MUTATIONS I FOUND IN THE SWAMP--LOOK!
OH, JAMIE! THEY'RE REVOLTING!
I'M SORRY, RACHEL!
LATER, AT LUNCH, RACHEL MENTIONED JAMIE'S MORBID INTERESTS TO BLAIR...
COUSIN BLAIR, DO I HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO TAKE JAMIE TO TOWN TOMORROW? WE HAVE PLANS TO--
NO! THE BOY STAYS HERE!
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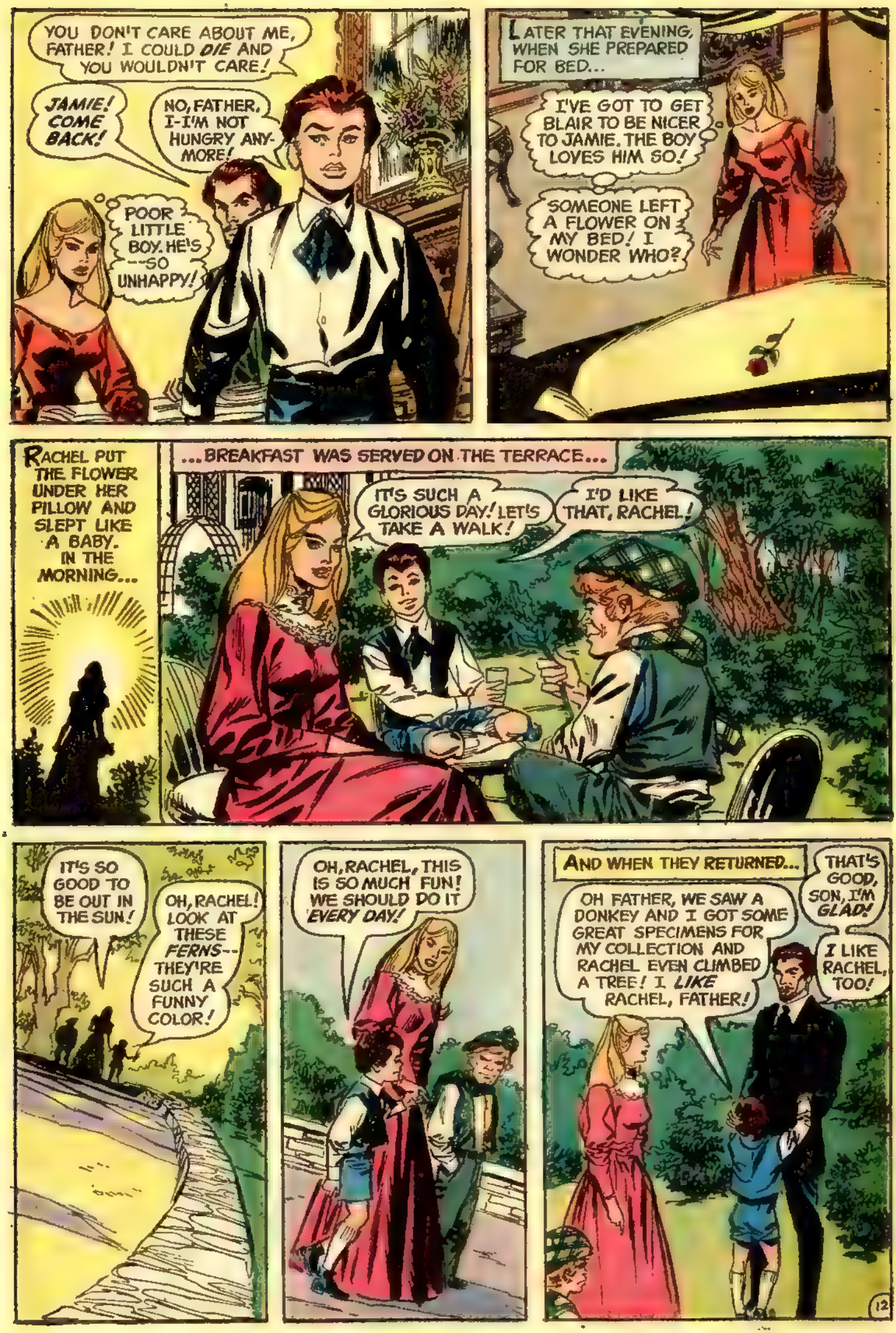
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ME, FATHER! I COULD DIE AND YOU WOULDN'T CARE!
JAMIE! COME BACK!
NO, FATHER, I-I'M NOT HUNGRY ANY-MORE!
POOR LITTLE BOY. HE'S --SO UNHAPPY!
LATER THAT EVENING, WHEN SHE PREPARED FOR BED...
I'VE GOT TO GET BLAIR TO BE NICER TO JAMIE. THE BOY LOVES HIM SO!
SOMEONE LEFT A FLOWER ON MY BED! I WONDER WHO?
RACHEL PUT THE FLOWER UNDER HER PILLOW AND SLEPT LIKE A BABY. IN THE MORNING...
...BREAKFAST WAS SERVED ON THE TERRACE...
IT'S SUCH A GLORIOUS DAY! LET'S TAKE A WALK!
I'D LIKE THAT, RACHEL!
IT'S SO GOOD TO BE OUT IN THE SUN!
OH, RACHEL! LOOK AT THESE FERNS-- THEY'RE SUCH A FUNNY COLOR!
OH, RACHEL, THIS IS SO MUCH FUN! WE SHOULD DO IT EVERY DAY!
AND WHEN THEY RETURNED...
OH FATHER, WE SAW A DONKEY AND I GOT SOME GREAT SPECIMENS FOR MY COLLECTION AND RACHEL EVEN CLIMBED A TREE! I LIKE RACHEL, FATHER!
THAT'S GOOD, SON, I'M GLAD!
I LIKE RACHEL, TOO!
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A FEW DAYS LATER...
HOW CAN I THANK YOU, RACHEL? I'VE NEVER SEEN JAMIE LIKE THIS!
NO NEED TO THANK ME, BLAIR. I ENJOY BEING WITH JAMIE! HE'S A DEAR BOY.
I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU LET ME COME HERE, BLAIR. WITHOUT THIS I'D BE ALONE IN THE WORLD!
YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANY MORE, RACHEL!
RACHEL.... COME TO ME...
WHAT AM I DOING TO YOU, MY DEAR? I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER YOU! I COME FROM A FAMILY CURSED WITH MADNESS!
DON'T SAY THAT, BLAIR!
AFTER ALL, I'M A MACINTYRE, TOO, AND I'M NOT...
...AND YOU'RE NOT MAD? TRUE, RACHEL, BUT YOU'RE NOT A TRUE MACINTYRE. YOU'RE RELATED ONLY BY MARRIAGE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM... HIS FACE?
BLAIR TURNED FROM THE GIRL WHO STOOD TRANSFIXED BY THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN THIS MAN...
LET ME ALONE, DAMN YOU! MEDDLER!
NO, BLAIR, YOU DON'T MEAN THAT!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
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FRIGHTENED BY THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN BLAIR, RACHEL FLED TO HER ROOM AND UNDRESSED FOR THE NIGHT, HALF IN TEARS...
SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S THAT?
W-WHO'S THERE—?
A GLINT OF METAL IN THE MOONLIGHT...
HELP, HELP!
BLAIR!
AS THE TERRIFIED GIRL ESCAPED, OMINOUS FOOTSTEPS POUNDED BEHIND HER...
THEY TOLD ME NEVER TO GO UP TO THE THIRD FLOOR, BUT WHAT CAN I DO?
I HAVE NO CHOICE!

AN AXE! WHOEVER IT IS, HE'S GOT AN AXE!
OH, MY GOD! WON'T SOMEONE PLEASE HELP ME?
OH, NO! A DEAD END! I'M TRAPPED!
OH, HEAVENS! THAT MUST BE ADRIENNE! BUT WHY DOES SHE WANT TO KILL ME?
OH, NO! PLEASE-! PLEASE! YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT ME! I'M YOUR COUSIN RACHEL!
ADRIENNE, DO YOU HEAR ME?
YOU FILTH! YOU'RE NO COUSIN OF MINE!
YOUR FATHER-- THAT SWINE-- RUINED ME AND NOW I'LL--
ADRIENNE! DROP THAT! ARE YOU MAD?
GO BACK, BLAIR, I HAVEN'T FINISHED...
BLAIR! THANK GOD...
I DIDN'T MEAN IT, BLAIR. I WAS JUST TRYING TO SCARE HER. YOU WON'T LOCK ME AWAY, WILL YOU?
COME, ADRIENNE, LET ME TAKE YOU TO YOUR ROOM AND GIVE YOU YOUR MEDICINE!
BLAIR LED THE DISTURBED WOMAN BACK TO HER ROOM...
REST NOW, ADRIENNE.
IF THE PILLS WORK, SHE'LL BE ASLEEP IN A FEW MINUTES!
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RACHEL, RACHEL! MY DARLING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES, BLAIR, I-I'M SORRY. I... MUST HAVE FAINTED...
PUT ME DOWN, BLAIR! I CAN WALK... TRULY I CAN!
HUSH! DEAR, CAN YOU FORGIVE ME? I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR EXPOSING YOU TO SUCH DANGER!
HERE, RACHEL, I WANT YOU TO DRINK THIS! IT WILL CALM YOUR NERVES.
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, MY DEAR. DRINK THIS!
OH BLAIR. SHE-SHE TRIED TO KILL ME!
RELAX, RACHEL!
SLOWLY. BLAIR SWUNG A MIRROR LIKE A PENDULUM BEFORE THE DAZED GIRL'S EYES...
WATCH THE MIRROR...WATCH THE MIRROR... YOU ARE GETTING SLEEPY... YOU ARE...VERY... DROWSY..YOUR EYELIDS ARE GETTING...HEAVY... ...YOU ... ARE... SLEEPY—SO SLEEPY... CLOSE...YOUR ...EYES...
I... ALREADY AM...TIRED...
SECONDS LATER...
GOOD! SHE'S UNDER!
DO YOU HEAR ME?
YES... I... HEAR... YOU...
TELL ME, RACHEL ...YOUR FATHER— YOU KNOW HE WAS WORKING ON THE FORMULA FOR THE ANTIDOTE?
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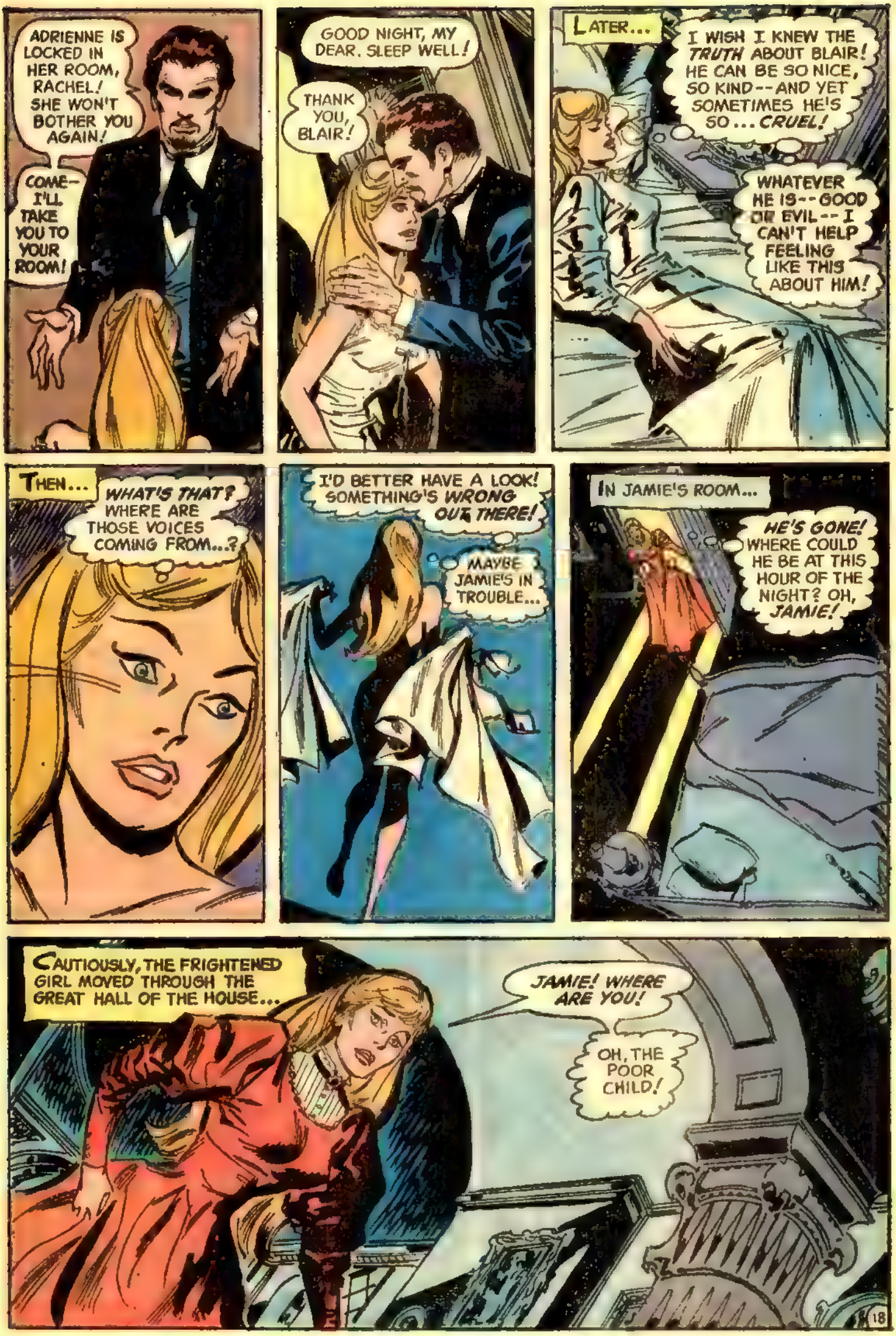
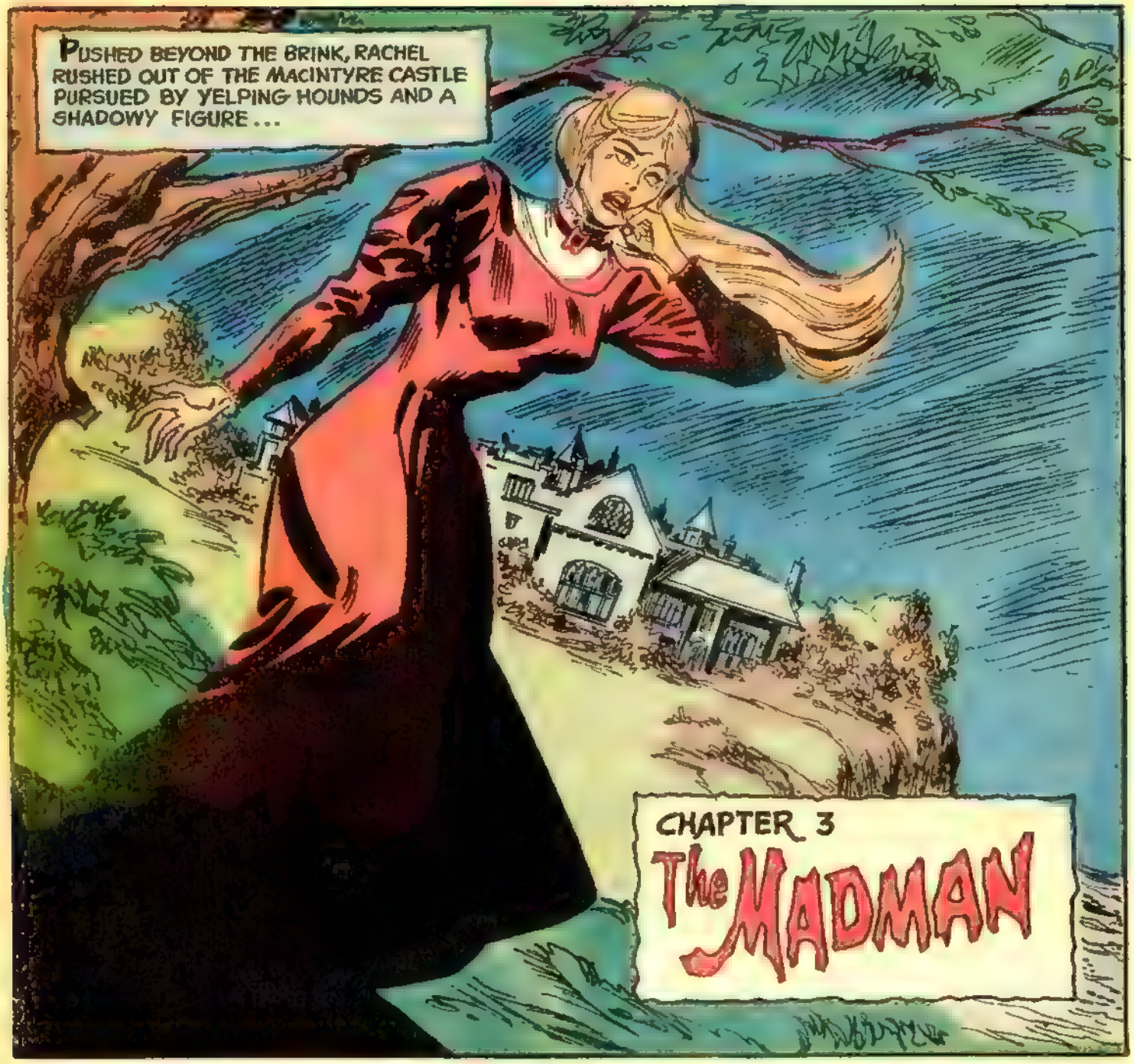
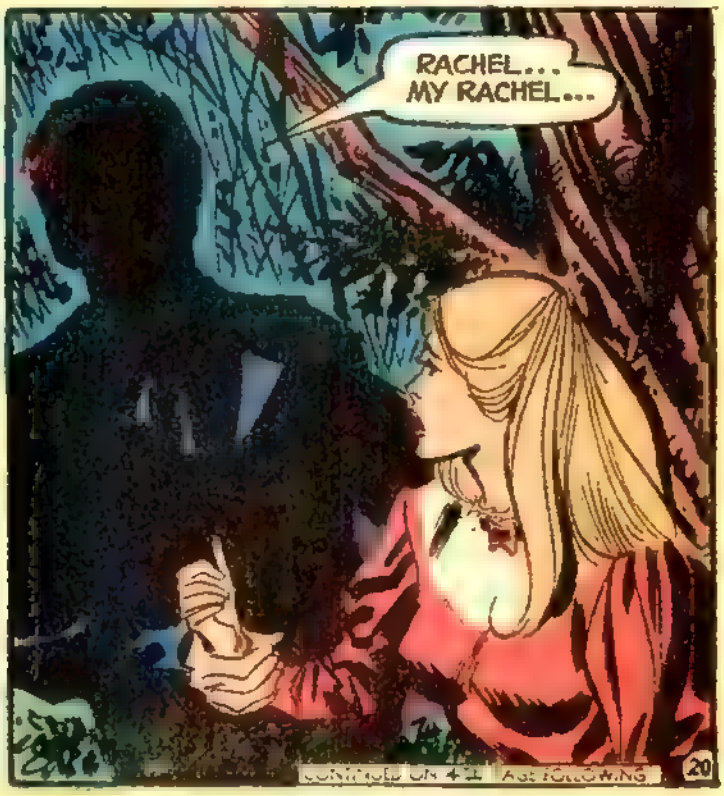
FORMULA... IN... JOURNAL! DON'T... KNOW IT...
YOU DON'T KNOW IT? GOD!
NO, IT MUSTN'T HAPPEN! DON'T LET ME CHANGE INTO... THAT CREATURE I MUST TRY TO CONQUER THIS TERRIBLE CURSE!
I MUST TRY... MUST TRY...
GOD FORGIVE ME! I CAN'T HELP MYSELF!
IT WAS A TRANSFORMED, SAVAGE BLAIR WHO APPROACHED HIS SLEEPING PREY...
SO BEAUTIFUL... ...SO YOUNG...
BUT SOMETHING WITHIN BLAIR MACINTYRE STIRRED, RECALLING HIM TO HIS NORMAL SELF AND SLOWLY... SLOWLY...
I MUST HELP HER! SHE NEEDS ME!
RACHEL, YOU WILL AWAKE...RACHEL... THIS IS BLAIR SPEAKING...
OH...
OH, BLAIR! HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP? I FEEL...RESTED!
YES, RACHEL, I'M GLAD YOU DO, RACHEL. I'M SO GLAD!


ADRIENNE IS LOCKED IN HER ROOM, RACHEL! SHE WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN!
COME-- I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR ROOM!
GOOD NIGHT, MY DEAR. SLEEP WELL!
THANK YOU, BLAIR!
LATER...
I WISH I KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT BLAIR! HE CAN BE SO NICE, SO KIND--AND YET SOMETIMES HE'S SO... CRUEL!
WHATEVER HE IS--GOOD OR EVIL--I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE THIS ABOUT HIM!
THEN...
WHAT'S THAT? WHERE ARE THOSE VOICES COMING FROM...?
I'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK! SOMETHING'S WRONG OUT THERE!
MAYBE JAMIE'S IN TROUBLE...
IN JAMIE'S ROOM...
HE'S GONE! WHERE COULD HE BE AT THIS HOUR OF THE NIGHT? OH, JAMIE!
CAUTIOUSLY, THE FRIGHTENED GIRL MOVED THROUGH THE GREAT HALL OF THE HOUSE...
JAMIE! WHERE ARE YOU!
OH, THE POOR CHILD!

THERE'S SOMETHING! A LIGHT ON IN THE CELLAR!
I'M VERY SCARED, BUT I HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK! I MUST FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
WHAT-- IS--IT?
OH, MY GOD!
RACHEL! CONFOUND IT!
BLAIR-- WHAT ARE YOU...
BE QUIET, YOU IDIOT! YOU'LL RUIN EVERY-THING!
STOP HER! DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!
GOT TO... GET HELP!


PUSHED BEYOND THE BRINK, RACHEL RUSHED OUT OF THE MACINTYRE CASTLE PURSUED BY YELPING HOUNDS AND A SHADOWY FIGURE...
CHAPTER 3
The MADMAN

NO! STOP! PLEASE, SOMEONE HELP ME!
OH, HELP ME!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BUT, BLAIR, WHY... THE DOGS?
I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU! I SENT THEM AFTER YOU TO PROTECT YOU!
PROTECT ME? I DON'T NEED PROTECTION OUT HERE --I NEED IT INSIDE THAT HOUSE!
OH, GOD, BLAIR! TELL ME YOUR SECRET-- TELL ME!
ALL RIGHT, RACHEL! I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING ...I HOPED I WOULDN'T HAVE TO--
WHEN I SPOKE OF YOUR FATHER'S WORK, I LEFT OUT SOMETHING. I, TOO, SUFFER LIKE ALFIE AND ADRIENNE! MY PROBLEM ISN'T PHYSICAL--I HAVE A SPLIT-PERSONALITY...
I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER MY EVIL SIDE!
I AM HELPLESS IN ITS POWER. ONLY THE ANTIDOTE YOUR FATHER FOUND CAN SAVE ME. ONLY THAT FORMULA... DO YOU SEE?
I AM LOST WITHOUT IT!
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LOST! LOST FOREVER!
OH BLAIR, BLAIR! PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP! YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER ...I KNOW YOU WILL!
CONTINUE MY FATHER'S WORK AND YOU'LL DISCOVER, ONE DAY...
IF ONLY THAT JOURNAL HADN'T DISAPPEARED!
IT DIDN'T!
ALFIE! YOU HAVE THE JOURNAL?
YES, BLAIR, I HAVE IT! OR RATHER-- I HAD IT! HEE-HEE!
I TOOK IT... AND BURNED IT! HEE-HEE!
BURNED IT? YOU BURNED IT! YOU MONSTER! I'LL--
WAIT! I KEPT ONE PAGE...
THE PAGE WITH THE FORMULA! BUT I HID IT! HEE-HEE!
BUT WHY, WHY?
I'LL TELL YOU--
WHY SHOULD YOU BE THE ONLY ONES TO HAVE HAPPINESS? LOOK AT ME! DEFORMED, HIDEOUS! EVERYBODY HATES ME!
BUT I'LL GIVE YOU THE FORMULA--ON ONE CONDITION--
I WANT HER!
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YOU WANT RACHEL? YOU'RE MAD! NEVER!
IF I CAN'T BE WHOLE AND HAPPY AND HAVE SOMETHING GOOD IN MY LIFE...LET EVERY MacINTYRE BE AS WRETCHED AS I AM!
BUT I CAN SAVE YOU AND ADRIENNE AS WELL WITH THE FORMULA--
TOO LATE! YOU'RE AT MY MERCY! EITHER I GET RACHEL... OR YOU CAN ALL ROT IN HELL!
REMEMBER --I HAVE THE FORMULA!
NO, ALFIE, I HAVE THE MAGIC PAPER!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE I HID IT IN THE--
AND I FOUND IT! HERE IT IS, FATHER!
LET ME SEE-- GIVE IT HERE! YOU LITTLE...
NO! GET BACK!
BLAIR, HELP JAMIE...
NO...IT'S HAPPENING! I'M CHANGING ...I CAN'T STOP...
YOU--! I'LL MAKE YOU GIVE IT BACK!
FATHER! HELP!
23

HELP HIM, BLAIR!
DEAR GOD, HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!
FATHER! FATHER! I LOVE YOU— HELP ME!
GIVE ME THAT PAPER-- OR I'LL KILL YOU!
I MUST BE STRONG ...MY SON... I MUST CONQUER...
BLAIR! HELP HIM!
IF YOU LOVE ME, FATHER... HELP, HELP!
I MUST... I WILL... I'VE DONE IT!
YOU SWINE!
OH, FATHER, FATHER, YOU SAVED ME!
JAMIE...MY SON! THANK HEAVENS --YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
BUT HOW DID YOU FIND THE FORMULA?
I WAS AFRAID, SO I WENT TO ALFIE'S ROOM. BUT HE WASN'T THERE ...SO I FOUND A BOOK TO READ--AND THE PAPER WAS IN IT!
THANK GOD FOR THAT! NOW WE HAVE THE CURE!
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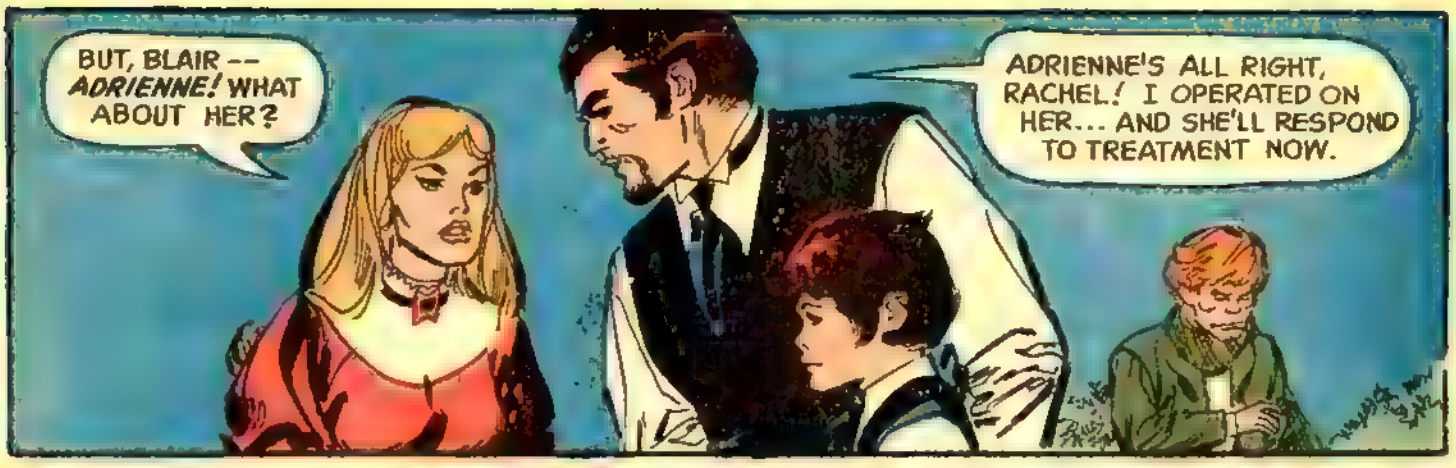

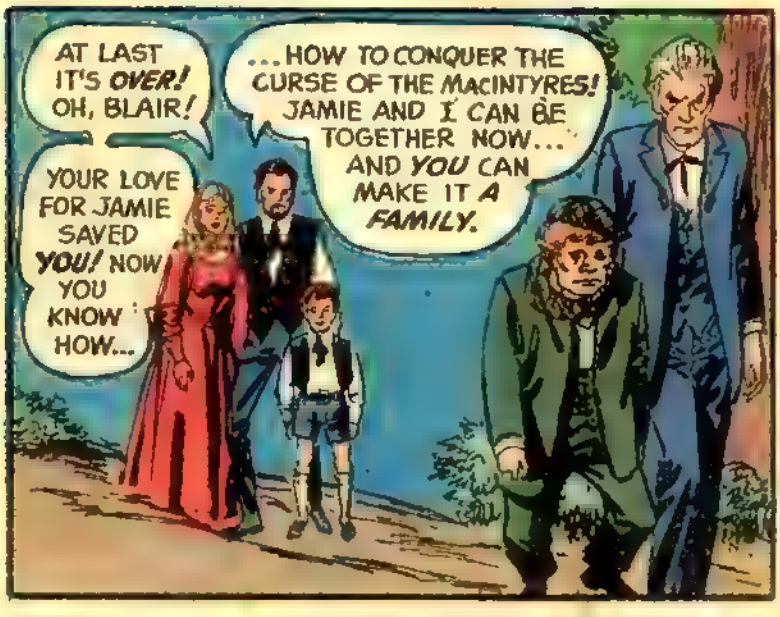

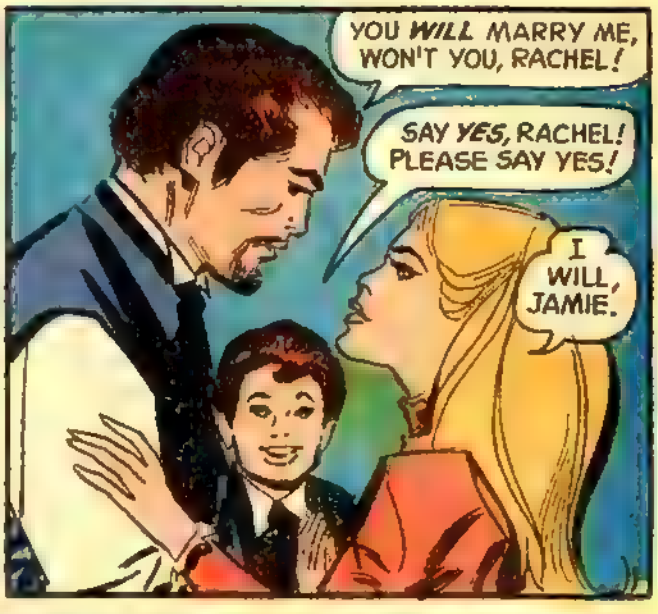

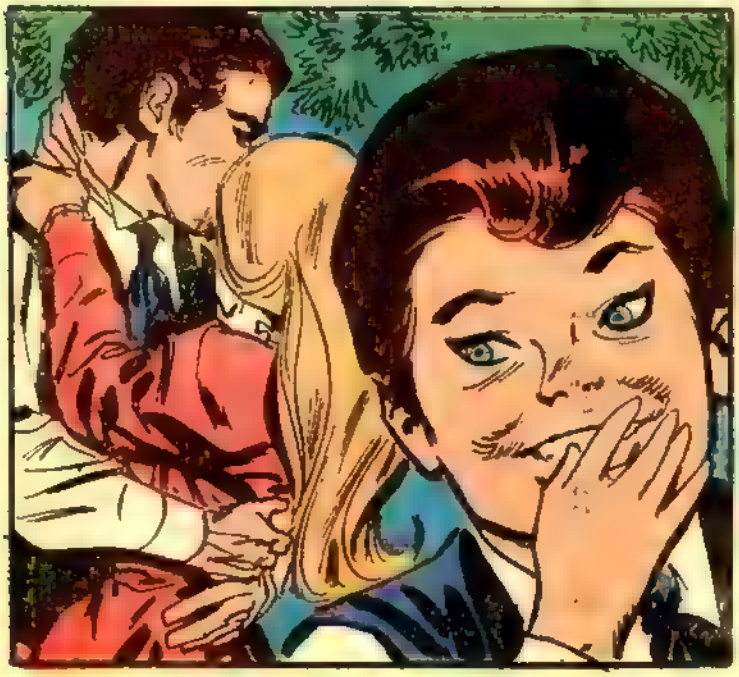

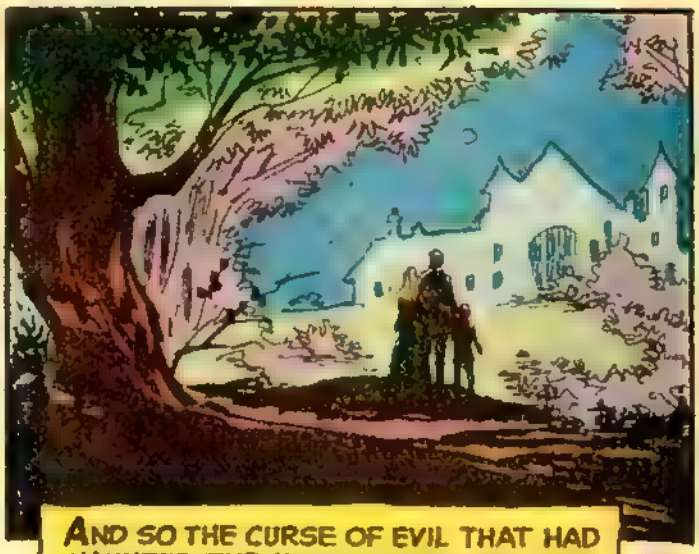

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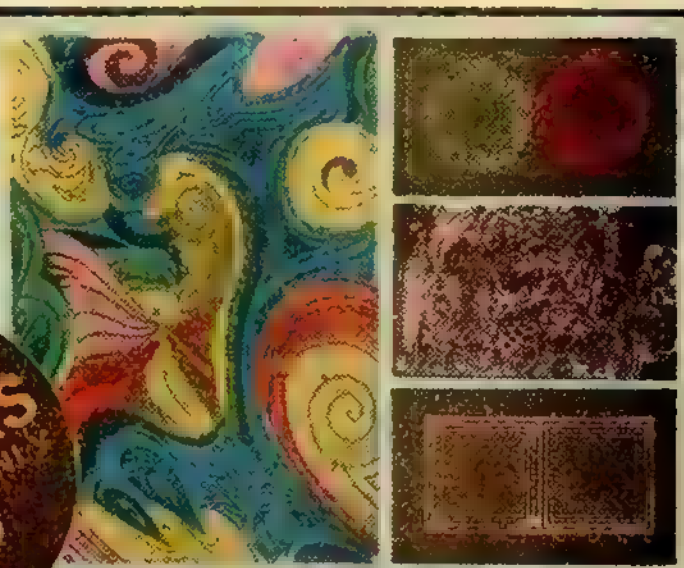

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It was a hot summer evening in St. Louis. The year was 1913. Two women sat at a table with a Ouija board between them. The Ouija board, which is marked with the words "Yes" and "No," plus all the letters of the alphabet, and numbers 1 through 10, was all the rage that year. Everyone was trying to communicate with spirits from beyond the grave by lightly resting their fingers on a pointer, or planchette, which sits on the board and moves at the slightest touch.

The two women had no sooner touched the planchette when it began to move rapidly around the board, pointing to one letter and then another and another . . . until whole words were mysteriously formed!

Both women were quite startled to read the message that was spelled out:

"Many moons ago I lived. Again I come. Patience Worth my name."

One of the ladies, Mrs. Curran, began to tremble. Until this moment, she had never seriously believed in such things as spirits.

Boldly she asked,

"When did you live?"

Speeding without guidance from either woman, the planchette slid to the numbers 1649! The spirit speaking to Mrs. Curran through the Ouija board had lived three hundred years ago!

"I come from England across the sea," the spirit went on. "Let me hold your ear, for a lesson I would teach."

Spellbound, Mrs. Curran listened and watched. That night she and the spirit Patience Worth became friends.

In the early days, Patience spoke through the Ouija board, but later she asked Mrs. Curran to use a pen and paper. Mrs. Curran would hold the pen loosely between her fingers, and—as if seized by an invisible hand—the pen would race across the paper.

In this way Mrs. Curran learned a great deal about her unseen friend from "the other side." Patience Worth had been born in a little village in England and had grown up near the sea. In vivid detail she told of the way of life of the villagers back in the 1600's, and of the trees, birds, flowers in the land of her girlhood—things Mrs. Curran had never even heard of.

Mrs. Curran gradually lost her first fears. When Patience came to her, she felt as if someone were lightly touching her on the top of her head. Sometimes she even saw the scenes Patience described.

"Patience," Mrs. Curran once asked, "why have you come back?"

"I have always wanted to write. I never had the chance in my own lifetime but now I can do it in yours."

So she began to dictate poems—hundreds of them—to Mrs. Curran. They were all in an old-fashioned English not spoken since Colonial times.

Mrs. Curran began sending the poems to newspapers and magazines, where they were published. Soon the fame of Patience Worth began to spread. Professors could not understand how Mrs. Curran, a St. Louis housewife with only a limited education, could write poetry the way it had been written three hundred years before.

They came to Mrs. Curran's home to investigate the strange case of Patience Worth, and were surprised to find a shy, simple woman, who had never read a history book, and who knew nothing about literature.

The professors watched with astonishment as Mrs. Curran jotted down beautiful, inspiring poetry at only a moment's notice describing times and places she had never seen.

"It is Patience Worth speaking, not me," Mrs. Curran said humbly.

Other experts began to visit regularly. They came as doubting Thomases, but left as firm believers. One newspaperman tried to prove that Mrs. Curran was making the whole story up and that Patience Worth was simply a hoax. He went to England, visited the places Patience wrote about, and found that she had been eerily exact. He returned from his investigations convinced that Patience Worth was a genuine phenomenon.

Over the years, Patience continued to dictate her thoughts and experiences to Mrs. Curran. She wrote two long novels which were highly praised and gained a great many admirers. She even won an award as the most outstanding author of 1918! Most of her readers were unaware that she was a ghost, and she was often asked to give speeches.

But Mrs. Curran stayed quietly at home, keeping house, seeing her earthly friends, communicating with the mysterious Patience.

Fifteen years passed. In 1928, Patience revealed to Mrs. Curran that her task on earth was finished.

"After waiting three hundred years I have at last been able to fulfill my heart's desire. I have written hundreds of poems, and two well known books." Sadly, she said farewell and asked Mrs. Curran to grant her one last request.

"A baby girl has just been born in a hospital in this city," said Patience. "The baby's mother is very poor and has more children than she can take care of. Please—go to her and offer to adopt the baby. She will let you. Bring the child to your home and name her Patience Worth. Raise her as your own daughter."

Patience gave Mrs. Curran the address of the hospital and the room number of the mother. When Mrs. Curran went there, she found Patience had spoken the truth.

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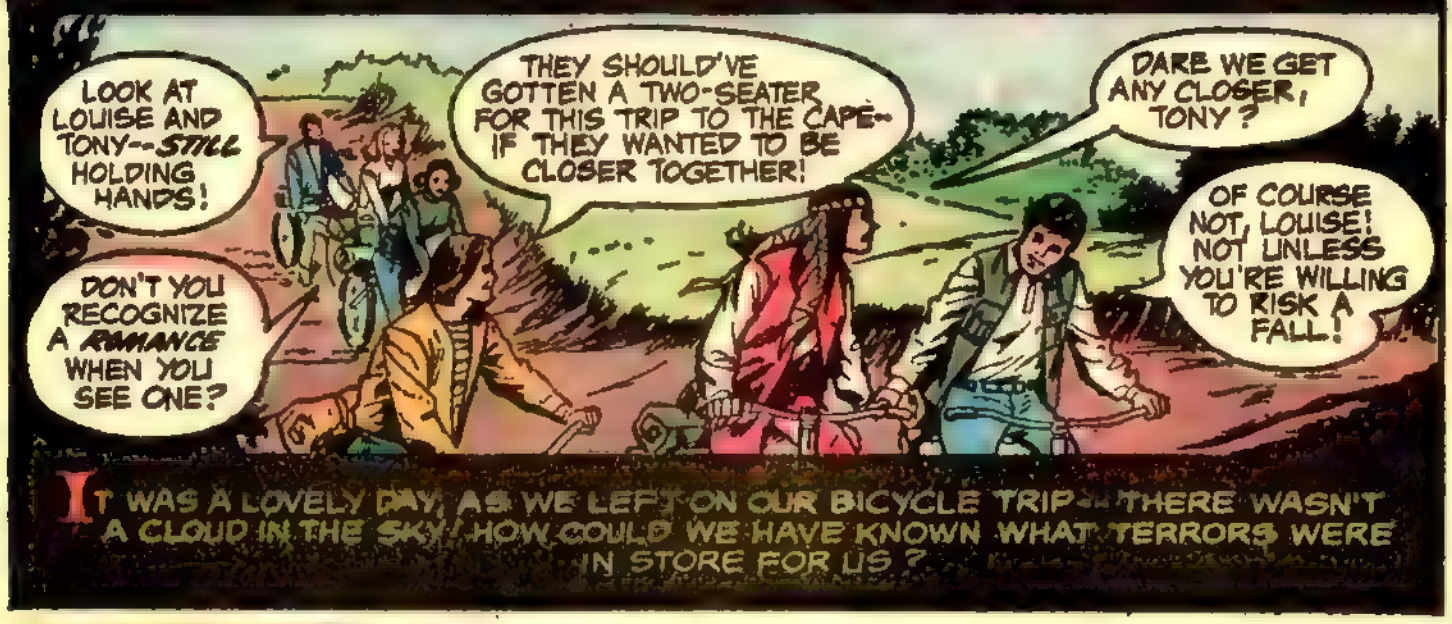


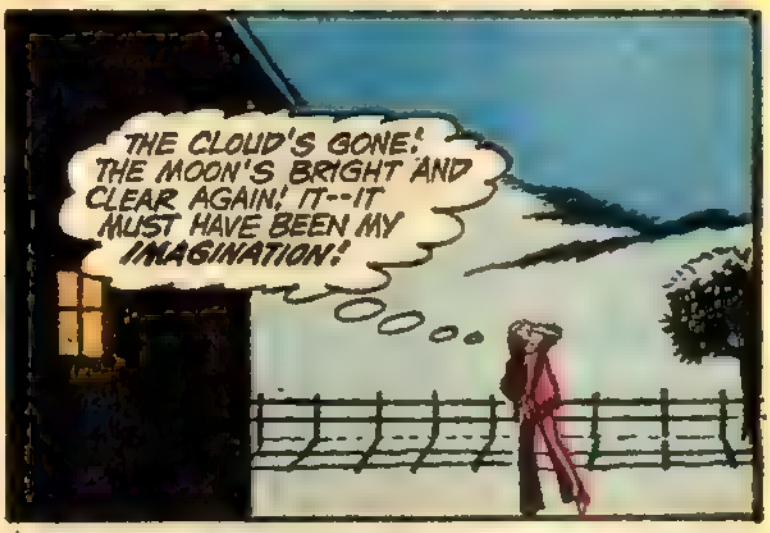
NOW--WHAT WAS I SAYING BEFORE WE WERE SHOT DOWN?
I DON'T REMEMBER!
LIAR! SWEET... ADORABLE... LIAR!
AT DUSK, ALONG THE CAPE ROAD...
THERE'S OUR STOP FOR THE NIGHT! WE MADE PRETTY GOOD MILEAGE!
I HOPE THE HOSTEL LADY'S GOT SUPPER READY! I'M STARVED!
WHEN AREN'T YOU?
WHERE ARE YOU KIDS BIKING TO? PROVINCETOWN?
UH-HUH, BUT FIRST WE'RE GOING TO VISIT THE CAPT. ANDERS HOUSE! AN ANCESTOR OF MINE WAS THE CAPTAIN'S SWEETHEART--ALMOST 200 YEARS AGO!
LATER, IN THE BARN...
LOUISE--THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU! BUT I CAN'T IN HERE! IT'S TOO CROWDED! CAN WE GO OUTSIDE?
I ALWAYS FOLLOW MY DANCING PARTNER, TONY!
GALLO
2

LOOK AT THE MOON! I'VE NEVER SEEN IT SO BRIGHT! NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY! SURE YOU DON'T MIND THE MOON LISTENING?
NO! IT'S A LOVER'S MOON!
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME, TONY?
I FORGOT!
OH, NO... I REMEMBER!
I REMEMBER...
...I REMEMBER!
3

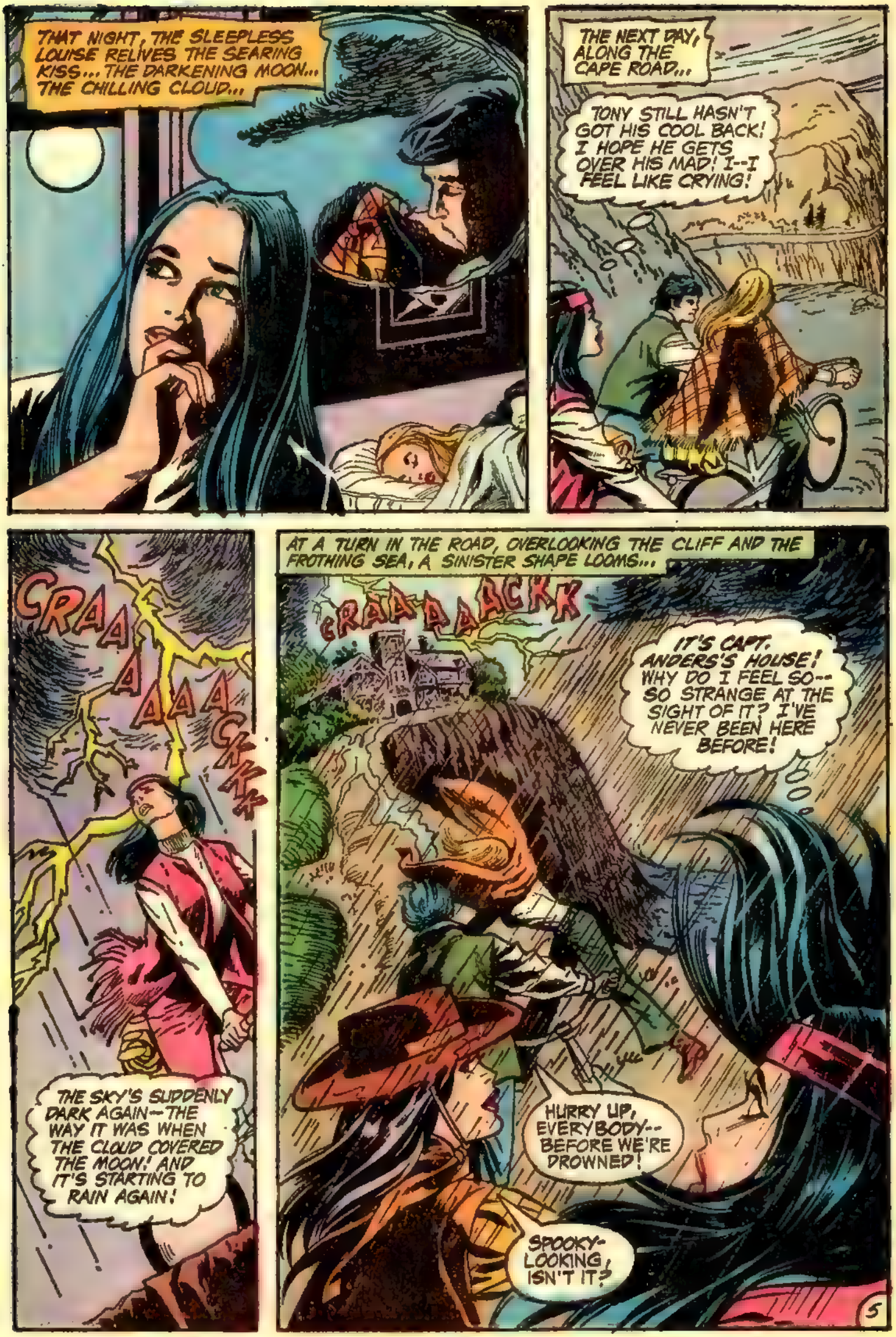
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY ARE YOU PULLING AWAY?
I-I DON'T KNOW! LOOK AT THE CLOUD COVERING THE MOON! IT-- IT'S SUDDENLY BECOME CHILLY!
LET'S GO BACK INSIDE! PLEASE!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S CHILLY! I KNOW WHEN I'M BEING PUT IN THE DEEP FREEZE!
TONY--?

HOW CAN I EXPLAIN IT? THAT DARK CLOUD SHIELDING THE MOON! MAKING ME FEEL AS IF SOMEONE WERE LISTENING! INVISIBLE HANDS PULLING ME AWAY FROM TONY! A CHILLY PRESENCE--WATCHING!


THE CLOUD'S GONE! THE MOON'S BRIGHT AND CLEAR AGAIN! IT--IT MUST HAVE BEEN MY IMAGINATION!

HOW QUICK TONY IS TO--TO FORGET WHAT WE MEAN TO EACH OTHER!


THAT NIGHT, THE SLEEPLESS LOUISE RELIVES THE SEARING KISS... THE DARKENING MOON... THE CHILLING CLOUD...
THE NEXT DAY, ALONG THE CAPE ROAD...
TONY STILL HASN'T GOT HIS COOL BACK! I HOPE HE GETS OVER HIS MAD! I--I FEEL LIKE CRYING!
CRAA AAAACKK
THE SKY'S SUDDENLY DARK AGAIN—THE WAY IT WAS WHEN THE CLOUD COVERED THE MOON! AND IT'S STARTING TO RAIN AGAIN!
AT A TURN IN THE ROAD, OVERLOOKING THE CLIFF AND THE FROTHING SEA, A SINISTER SHAPE LOOMS...
CRAAAAACKK
IT'S CAPT. ANDERS'S HOUSE! WHY DO I FEEL SO-- SO STRANGE AT THE SIGHT OF IT? I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE!
HURRY UP, EVERYBODY-- BEFORE WE'RE DROWNED!
SPOOKY-LOOKING, ISN'T IT?
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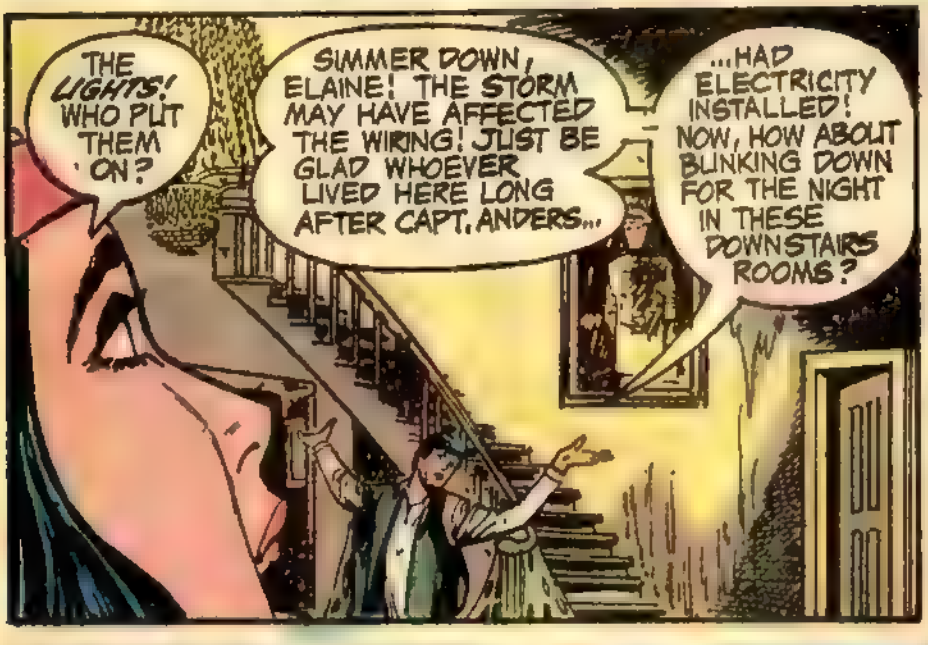
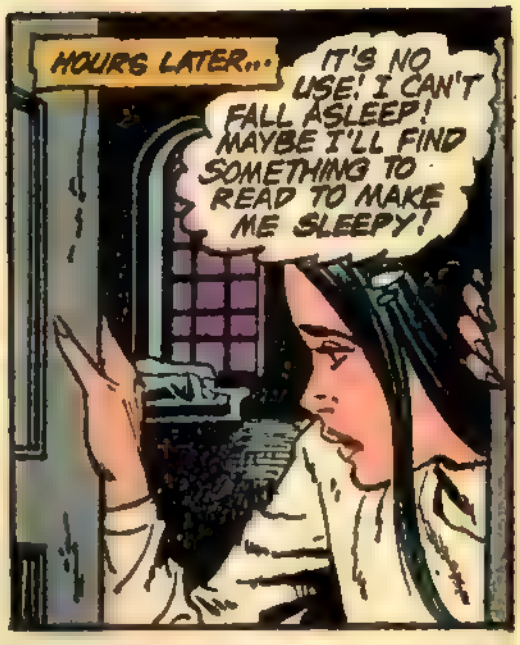
CREEEEEEK
THE DOOR-- SUDDENLY OPENING!
THE WIND MUST'VE DONE IT! LET'S GO IN!


THE LIGHTS! WHO PUT THEM ON?
SIMMER DOWN, ELAINE! THE STORM MAY HAVE AFFECTED THE WIRING! JUST BE GLAD WHOEVER LIVED HERE LONG AFTER CAPT. ANDERS...
...HAD ELECTRICITY INSTALLED! NOW, HOW ABOUT BUNKING DOWN FOR THE NIGHT IN THESE DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS?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IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP! MAYBE I'LL FIND SOMETHING TO READ TO MAKE ME SLEEPY!

TONY! YOU CAN'T SLEEP EITHER?
I WAS WAITING... HOPING YOU'D COME OUT!

LOUISE-- I WAS A FOOL! FORGIVE ME?
NOTHING TO FORGIVE! NOTHING-- NOTHING...

TONY! THE LIGHTS WENT OUT!
IT'S THAT FREAK STORM! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? YOU'RE SAFE IN MY ARMS!
PLEASE LET ME GO! I-I CAN'T STAND YOUR ARMS AROUND ME...
OH, TONY, I-I CAN'T HELP IT! TRY TO UNDERSTAND?
UNDERSTAND WHAT? I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR CRAZY BEHAVIOR!
GOODNIGHT-- AND GOODBYE!
THEN, AS IF IN A TRANCE... LED BY AN INVISIBLE FORCE SHE CANNOT CONTROL...
THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN, ALMOST WITHOUT HER TOUCH...
THAT PAINTING!... IT-IT'S OF ME!
THE CAPTAIN!... NEIL ANDERS!
LOUISE, DARLING! I'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR YOU! THERE'S THE PARIS GOWN I PICKED UP FOR YOU ON MY LAST VOYAGE! PUT IT ON FOR THE BALL TONIGHT!
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I'LL WAIT TILL YOU CHANGE... OUTSIDE ON THE WIDOW'S WALK!
SLOWLY, AS IF IN A DREAM, SHE SLIPS INTO THE DRESS...
HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS... AS IF IT WERE MADE-- JUST FOR ME!
YOU'RE AS ENCHANTING AS A MERMAID, MY DARLING! IS IT ANY WONDER THAT YOU'VE NEVER LEFT MY THOUGHTS-- NO MATTER WHERE I SAILED?
ONCE, WHEN MY SHIP WENT DOWN OFF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE--AND I WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR-- THE IMAGE OF YOUR FACE KEPT ME ALIVE... UNTIL I WAS PICKED UP!
I'M MADLY JEALOUS OF ANYONE WHO EVEN LOOKS AT YOU!
I'M EVEN JEALOUS OF THE MOON--EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THE MOON WILL NEVER TASTE THE RIPENESS OF YOUR TANTALIZING LIPS!
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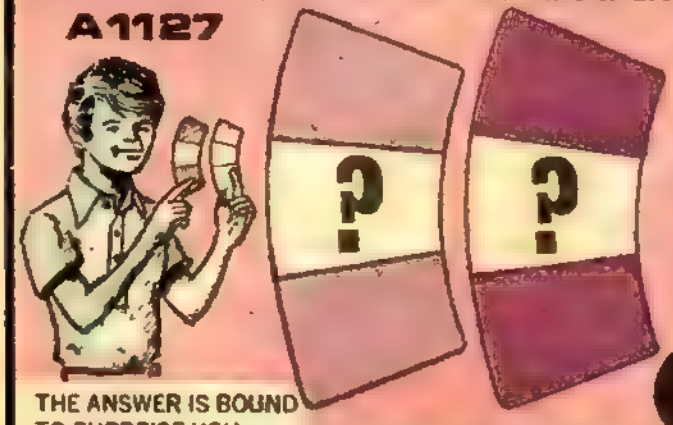

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THE ANSWER IS BOUND TO SURPRISE YOU— AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO GUESSES IT'S THE DARKER ONE. BUT YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT UNTIL YOU TRY PUTTING THEM BACK TO BACK YOURSELF. A GREAT ILLUSION.

FUN CAMERA
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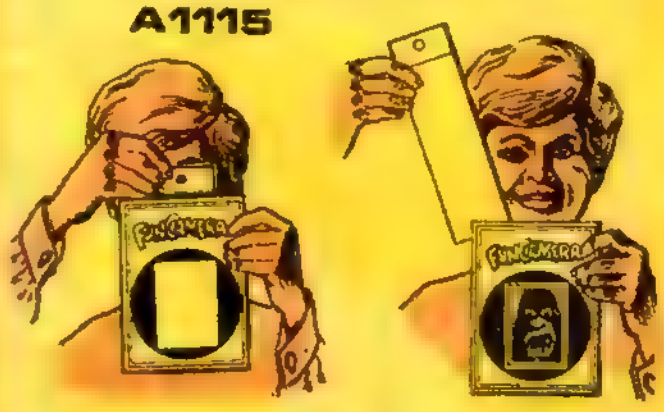

FOR REAL FUN AT PARTIES AND CASUAL GET-TOGETHERS—SURPRISE THEM— —FOCUS THIS FUN CAMERA ON YOUR FRIENDS—PULL FLAP RAPIDLY OUT AND HIDE BEHIND YOUR BACK—PRESTO —A GORILLA APPEARS ON THE PLATE.

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REVERSE ACTION ROCKET
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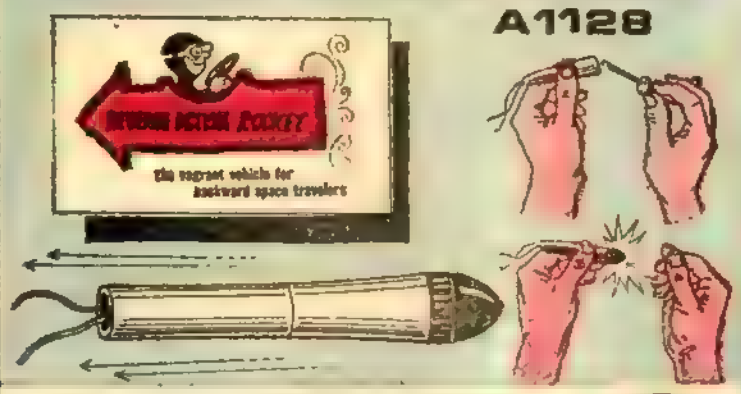

JUST PULL THE LUNGER OUT—SURPRISE —SURPRISE—THE FIRST STAGE ROCKET ZOOMS BACKWARD INTO THE BARREL. WHAT DOES IT? YOU'LL HAVE FUN WITH THIS ONE

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NUMBER PUZZLE
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THERE'S ALWAYS ONE MORE BLANK SPACE THAN YOU FIGURE ON WHEN YOU TRY TO SOLVE THIS SIMPLE-LOOKING PUZZLE. AND IT IS JUST AS CHALLENGING THE SECOND TIME AS THE FIRST.

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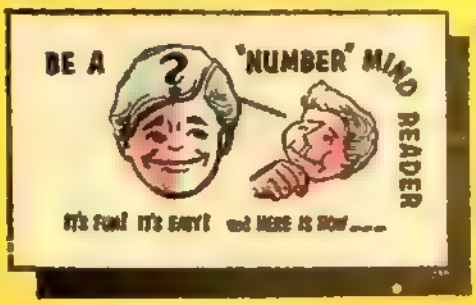

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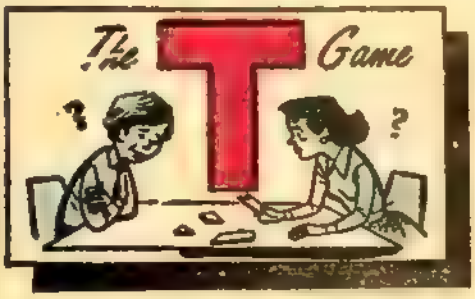

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WHO'S THAT YOUNG MAN? HE'S BEEN STARING AT ME SINCE I STARTED DANCING WITH NEIL!
FORGIVE ME FOR A FEW MOMENTS, DARLING! I HAVE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE SLIPPER ARRANGEMENTS!
I'M NICHOLAS ANDERS--NEIL'S COUSIN! MAY I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF THE NEXT DANCE?
I--I WAS JUST GOING OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR...
YOU CAN'T REFUSE-- NOT AFTER I WAITED SO LONG FOR NEIL TO RELEASE YOU!
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NOW THAT I'VE SEEN YOU, I KNOW WHY NEIL WASN'T TOO EAGER TO INVITE ME! HE WAS AFRAID I MIGHT TRY TO STEAL YOU FROM HIM!
YOU-- YOU'RE TALKING NONSENSE!
NEIL WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE A PRIZE WORTH FIGHTING FOR!
STOP IT--YOU'RE MAD!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, NICHOLAS-- I'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE!
OUR SECONDS CAN ARRANGE THE DETAILS!
SLAAAAP
YOU'RE A HANDY MAN WITH SABRES, DEAR COUSIN! BUT AS THE CHALLENGED, I HAVE THE CHOICE OF WEAPONS!
SINCE I'M THE BEST SHOT IN THE COUNTY, I CHOOSE PISTOLS!
YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE THAT-- AT DAWN!
AGONIZING HOURS WHIRL BY...
BUT THIS IS INSANE! YOU CAN'T FIGHT A DUEL OVER ME!
MY HONOR'S AT STAKE! IF I DIDN'T... I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FACE YOU AGAIN!
MEASURE OFF 10 PACES, GENTLEMEN! TURN! FIRE AT MY COMMAND!
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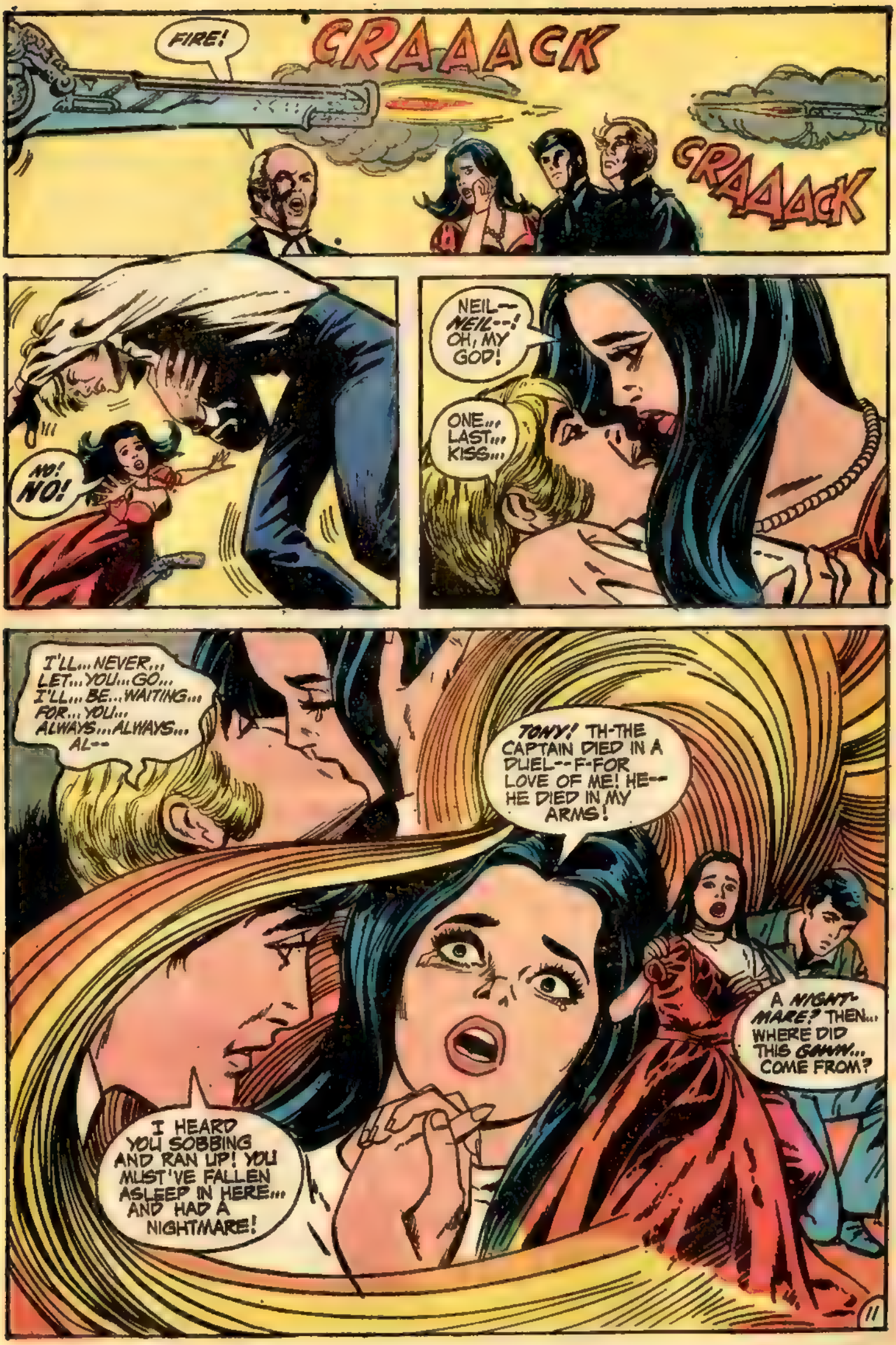
FIRE!
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NO! NO!
NEIL— NEIL--! OH, MY GOD!
ONE... LAST... KISS...
I'LL... NEVER... LET... YOU... GO... I'LL... BE... WAITING... FOR... YOU... ALWAYS... ALWAYS... AL--
TONY! TH-THE CAPTAIN DIED IN A DUEL--F-FOR LOVE OF ME! HE-- HE DIED IN MY ARMS!
I HEARD YOU SOBBING AND RAN UP! YOU MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP IN HERE... AND HAD A NIGHTMARE!
A NIGHTMARE? THEN... WHERE DID THIS GAWN... COME FROM?
11

THE NEXT DAY...
YOU'D THINK A HOUSE LIKE THIS WOULD BE HAUNTED! BUT IT WASN'T! I SLEPT LIKE A LOG!
ANYBODY SEE THE GHOST OF CAPT. ANDERS?
DON'T BE SILLY, SILLY!
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TONY--I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU!
FORGET IT, LOUISE! IT WAS NOTHING BUT A DREAM! AND IT'S OVER NOW!
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TONY! IT--IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!
I FEEL IT THIS TIME-- BUT WE WON'T LET IT! WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT BACK-- HOLD ON TO EACH OTHER--NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!
HANG ON! HANG ON, DARLING! IF YOU LOVE ME-- DON'T LET GO! EVER!
THEY'VE BEATEN ME! I CAN'T SEPARATE THEM!
THEIR LOVE IS GREATER THAN MINE! I'VE LOST HER FOREVER! I'LL NEVER COME BACK AGAIN...
NEVER!... NEVER!...
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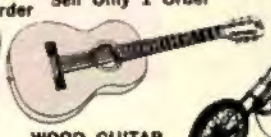

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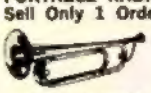

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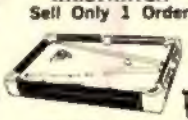

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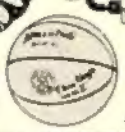

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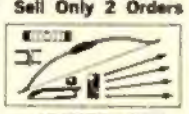

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